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Powell and friends visit the Dominican Republic

By Deborah Dexheimer

In March, during Spring Break, the Field Biology class went to the Dominican Republic for 10 days. The group visited the capital, Santo Domingo, and spent a couple of days in the central mountains, Cordillera Central, as well as Manzanillo, the Cayos Siete Hermanos, Puerto Plata and Sosua.

They went to museums, a botanical garden, collected and saw different kinds of plants and animals, and did some snorkeling as well as scuba diving. The Dominican Republic is celebrating the anniversary of Columbus' landing on the Island so the group got to catch "lizards where Columbus walked," commented Dr. Bob Powell, Professor of Biology.

John Tulloch, a student, mentioned that visiting the

Cayos Siete Hermanos Islands, meaning the 7 Brothers, was a little like "Gilligan's Island" due to the fact that the islands are so small and uninhabited. Both Powell and Tulloch agree that the native people were friendly. Now the class is writing about their findings to be published in a herpetology journal.

Powell says he tries to combine history and culture with the biology part of the trip making it enjoyable for those who may not be that interested in biology. The Field Biology class is offered every other year. The trip is a requirement of the class. The College does not help with the cost of the trip. One does not have to be a science major to take the class. If you are interested in taking this class contact Dr. Powell in O'Reilly.



Photo courtesy of Biology Department

The base camp on Cayo Torou serves as "home" for the Avila Field Biology class during their visit over Spring break. This island is one of only two in the archipelago with trees. The shelter on the left was the kitchen. Each of the small cabanas housed three person, all of their gear, and the seashells each person scavenged from the beaches.

Lippert receives Witcher Award

By Deborah Dexheimer

Kim Lippert has received the Bobby Witcher Society award. The Witcher award is given to a student who has excelled in herpetology, a branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians, and plans to pursue vertebrate biology.

It's a Fantasticks story

by Jane Malone

Goppert Theatre will present the musical The Fantasticks on April 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. The musical, which is the longest running off-Broadway show, is basically a simple love story. According to Traci Rowland, a member of the technical crew, "Boy meets girl, they fall in love. Boy loses girl and in the end, well ... you have to see."

The Fantasticks, written in rebellion against the technical craziness of the theater, included a modest set, a cast of nine and an orchestral ensemble directed by Dr.

Cynthia Hukill. Teresa Fischer, a graduate of Avila, is directing the production and says, "An audience cannot help but be touched by the beauty and score of the script. It is a simple love story which we have all loved and will see ourselves in."

The Fantasticks will show Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 at 8 p.m. in Goppert Theatre. Adult admission is \$6 and students/senior citizen prices are \$5. Admission is free to all Avila students with a current picture ID.



Photo courtesy of Biology Department.

John Tulloch proudly shows off the first gecko ever captured on Cayo Monte Chico. Like the other islands in this group, this key is only slightly larger than a soccer field.

Spring formal a success

by Kevin Lowder

The 1992 Spring Formal, held Saturday, April 4, went quite well as expected. Two-hundred forty people turned out as compared to one-hundred ninety five last year. "The event went smoother than last year even with more people," said Jeff Fox, Master of Ceremonies. "The only problem was the weather which was cooler

than most expected."

Roger Carson, DJ for Q104, provided the music for the event and was well liked by all. He did give-aways at the end of the formal in which he gave away CD's.

The free complimentary glasses from the '92 Spring Formal can be picked up in the Residence Life Office.

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Nursing program up for reaccreditation

by Kori Bailey

In April the Avila Nursing Department will have two State Board visitors coming to look at the curriculum for accreditation. Accreditation is a process of evaluation by which schools are appraised in relation to predetermined criteria and are publicly recognized as being in compliance.

The main purpose of accreditation is to foster the continuation of improving

and developing quality in educational nursing programs. The process evaluates and sets up an objective so this criteria can be met.

The role of the National League for Nursing is responsible for accreditation and is accountable to the U.S. Department of Education and the Council on Post Secondary Accreditation.

Letter To The Editor

Why am I taking this class?

During this part of the semester, most students have finished or are in the middle of advising for the Summer and Fall semesters. Looking ahead often causes students to evaluate the progress in their present courses. Consequently, students tend to focus their energies on strengthening their grades, even at the expense of learning and understanding concepts taught in their courses. Why would someone invest so much superficial effort when time and money are a rare commodity? The motivation is usually triggered through outside forces entirely.

How credible is any concern what others think of grades or the annotation of a few points higher GPA on a resume? Within the student, it's considerable; within the student's closest supporters and potential employers, probably very little, if at all. It's amazing to talk with alumni of any college and discover what they are doing and its relationship to their studies in college.

The obsession of grades rather than comprehension has been traditionally ingrained from almost the first day of school as a child. If

it is reinforced, it will continue until we decide that learning IS important. I refer to everyone: students, faculty, staff, employers, and parents. Society as a whole dictates this priority, and each individual must have the courage in their respective roles to take the initiative. Civil rights and society's perceptions have taken generations to reach the point they are at now. Yes, progress in respecting all individual rights has many more challenges ahead, but progress has been made. By nature, we expect to see the desired outcome too soon and quit prematurely. The process must start somewhere: within all of us.

Wouldn't it be great if we could focus on learning to our potential, encouraging our students and/or colleagues, and grades reigned in their proper place: a tool for measuring understanding. Advisors could recommend Enrichment courses and electives without being dismissed by students concerned with graduating as soon as possible. Students could accidentally take courses directly related to their next profession. What a concept!

John Lyon

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New Captain's Council in place

by Dennis Hallblade

Avila College has created a new council which will interact with the Athletic Department and the College. The Captain's Council is composed of all the team captains from the college's six athletic teams. Tom Lease, Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs, created the council to get the athletes' opinions and suggestions on

issues concerning the Athletic Department.

In the past, there was little input from student-athletes concerning Athletic Department issues. This council will give their opinions regarding selection of the new athletic director. When a new athletic director is chosen, the council and athletic director

will meet twice a semester. The meetings will have an agenda of options and issues, and the council members will be able to represent their team's opinions and suggestions.

This new council will be a great aid in helping mold the Athletic Department in the coming years.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Library Staff for the winning exhibit celebrating Women's History Month in March. The exhibit included a banner, book display and a list of books on women located in the Library. The staff was presented with a decorated cake by Kim Strudthoff, publicity chair for the Women's History Month planning committee.

Looking back at Easter

by Father Mario

Everything about our Christian faith rests on the historic fact of Jesus' resurrection-everything! Christianity is the only religion known that bases its claim to acceptance on the resurrection of its founder. If the resurrection of Christ is denied, then the Gospels fall to pieces and our religion is no more than wishful thinking.

When a Muslim taunted a Christian by saying, "You Christians do not even have a tomb to which you can pinpoint where your Jesus lies buried. We have a tomb of Mohammed in Mecca." The Christians replied, "That is just the point-your prophet is dead and lies buried; our Christ is risen and is with us always."

We may never know exactly what happened Easter Sunday (at least not this side of the grave), but we can be sure something earthshaking occurred. That occurrence-the resurrection-proves four facts that make a great difference in our lives today:

The resurrection proves that truth is stronger than fiction and falsehood. If Jesus'

enemies had succeeded in obliterating him, falsehood would have proved stronger than truth.

The resurrection proves that truth is stronger than evil. The forces that crucified Jesus were forces of evil; if there were no resurrection, the forces of evil would have won. The resurrection assures that goodness and justice are stronger than evil.

The resurrection proves, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that love and compassion are stronger than hatred. Jesus was the love of God incarnate. It was hatred that put the innocent Christ to death. The resurrection signals the triumph of love over hatred.

The resurrection proves that life is stronger than death. If Jesus had died, never to rise again, it would have proven that death could take the best life that ever lived and destroyed it.

What is to be learned from the resurrection? The resurrection proves that

Christ is divine. It signals the completion of Christ's redeeming work. Because Christ was raised, our faith is meaningful and our sins are forgiven. On the cross, Christ offered himself as a sacrifice to have been acceptable to the Father. Our salvation is an accomplished fact.

The resurrection assures us that Jesus lives and shares his life with those who trust him. The forty days after Christ's resurrection helped his followers to make the transition from physical to spiritual companionship with him. Christ is with us now: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt. 28:20)

If we believe that Christ is truly risen, that our Redeemer lives, and that he lives in our heart, we can face the trials of life with the alleluia spirit of the disciples and women on that first Easter Sunday. What we believe about the resurrection makes all of the difference in how we live, how we die, and how we live again. Share it with all of our brothers and sisters.

Sr. Ruth Stuckel honored

by Jane Malone

Sister Ruth Stuckel, C.S. J. was recently honored by the Coolidge Research Colloquium. A program for the Association for Religion and Intellectual Life, its purpose is to aid and explore the relationship of Jewish and Christian religious com-

mitment to that of their intellectual work.

According to Sr. Ruth, her project consists of an examination of the life and works of St. Teresa of Avila. The purpose is to discover the growth pattern of prayer, the key

qualities of leadership, and to understand the transforming power of prayer.

The ninth Coolidge Research Colloquium will take place June 4 through July 2, at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Health careers open house held in Goppert

by Deborah Dexheimer

Recently, Avila's Health Careers Open House took place in Goppert Theatre, involving several health fields. The Open House, was open to anyone interested in health careers, and was coordinated by Twila

Samborski of the Nursing Department.

The Open House provided an opportunity for potential students and Avila students to collect information on various health fields, and to get general

academic counseling. They also received information on how to get into a program or where to go if Avila doesn't offer a particular program. The Open House also helped some narrow their area of interest.

Who's Buck Baker ?

by Mike Maupin

The head of the Avila Theater Department, Buck Baker, participates in many activities. Baker's current projects include: writing a text on stage directing called Behind The Imaginary Wall, to be used in 1992 at Avila and published next year. Running the theater department, teaching classes, and acting in various roles consume a great deal of his time.

Born in Orange, Texas, Baker moved to southwest Missouri when he was twelve. After high school, attended Southwest Missouri State University, The College of the Ozarks, University of Hawaii, Coleg Y Brifsgol Caerydid in Wales, and The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, England. Baker taught for three years at the Beacon Hill Theater at the College of the Ozarks before coming to Avila in 1982.

"I really enjoy the small program here at Avila, as

compared to the huge programs I have worked with. If someone does something right, you know who to congratulate, and if a mistake is made you know who to go to. In larger programs this is extremely difficult due to the run around you receive," Baker said.

Although Baker has performed in numerous stage productions, his main priorities are to work with film and television. Recently Baker performed the role of Tom Dixon on NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries." He also acted in the movies "Article 99" and "Mr. and Mrs. Bridge," to list a few of his credits.

Buck Baker has an extremely busy schedule between acting jobs, heading the theater department, teaching classes, and writing his text book. Baker is scheduled to be a guest speaker this May at a national convention.



Dr. Buck Baker

Photo courtesy of Theatre Department

Black instructors set goals

by Vivian Grover

There are six adjunct black instructors at Avila worthy of honorable mention, Henry Dixon - Art, Allen Fields - Chemistry, Reulan Floyd - Education, Chuck Moore - Communication, Mary Alice Newsome - Business, and Robert Pinkerton - Political Science.

Henry Dixon is an instructor for Design I and II and Graphic Design I and II. He is a native of Michigan and

a graduate of Western Michigan University. He was recruited by Hallmark Cards in 1974 from Michigan and is now an artist there. Dixon has been at Avila for six years. "One goal that I want to achieve in my teaching at Avila is to give students part of what I know. I want them to use this knowledge to excel to higher heights of learning," Dixon says.

Allen Fields is an instructor in Chemistry and this semester

conducted a weekend intensive course on Black Scientists. He is a native of Overland Park, Kansas, and a graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University. He is currently doing research for a pharmaceutical company in St. Joseph, Missouri. Fields has been at Avila since January of '89. "One goal that I want to achieve in my teaching at Avila is to give students the understanding of sci-

ence to help take away the fears many of them have about taking science courses," Fields said.

Reulan Floyd is a graduate instructor for Advanced Curriculum Instruction. She is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and a graduate of Luther College. She is currently working in the Center School District as a teacher for the Center Alternate School. Floyd has been at Avila one semester. "One goal that I want to achieve in my teaching at Avila is to assist educators in meeting the challenges of developing curriculum which is inclusive of all Americans which will develop transferable cognitive and socialization skills and uplift the human spirit," Floyd adds.

Chuck Moore is an instructor for the Intro. to Radio course. He is a native Topeka, Kansas, and a past student of Park, Donnelly, and Washburn Colleges. He has recently been voted one of the Top 100 most influential Blacks in Kansas City. Moore has been at Avila since the Spring of 1991. "One goal that I want to achieve in my teaching at Avila, is to better inform and help students learn as much as possible so they can ap-

ply this learning to the professional world," Moore said. Mary Alice Newsome is an instructor in Business Communication. She is a native of south Chicago and received her Masters Degree from Indiana University. She is currently a member of the Kansas City Minority Supplies Development Council. Newsome has been at Avila one year. "One goal I want to achieve in my teaching at Avila is to increase communication between cultures. We need to rethink, as a country, how to improve our productivity as a nation," Newsome added.

Robert Pinkerton is an instructor in Political Science. He is a native of Guyana, South Africa, and a graduate of Guyana Technical Institute. He looks to provide a bridge of educational communication between the African and American continents. Pinkerton has been at Avila four years.

"One goal I want to achieve in my teaching is to create a more holistic educational atmosphere for my students. This idea of 'Holistic education' is definitely missing in American education which is more specialized and shallow," Pinkerton says.

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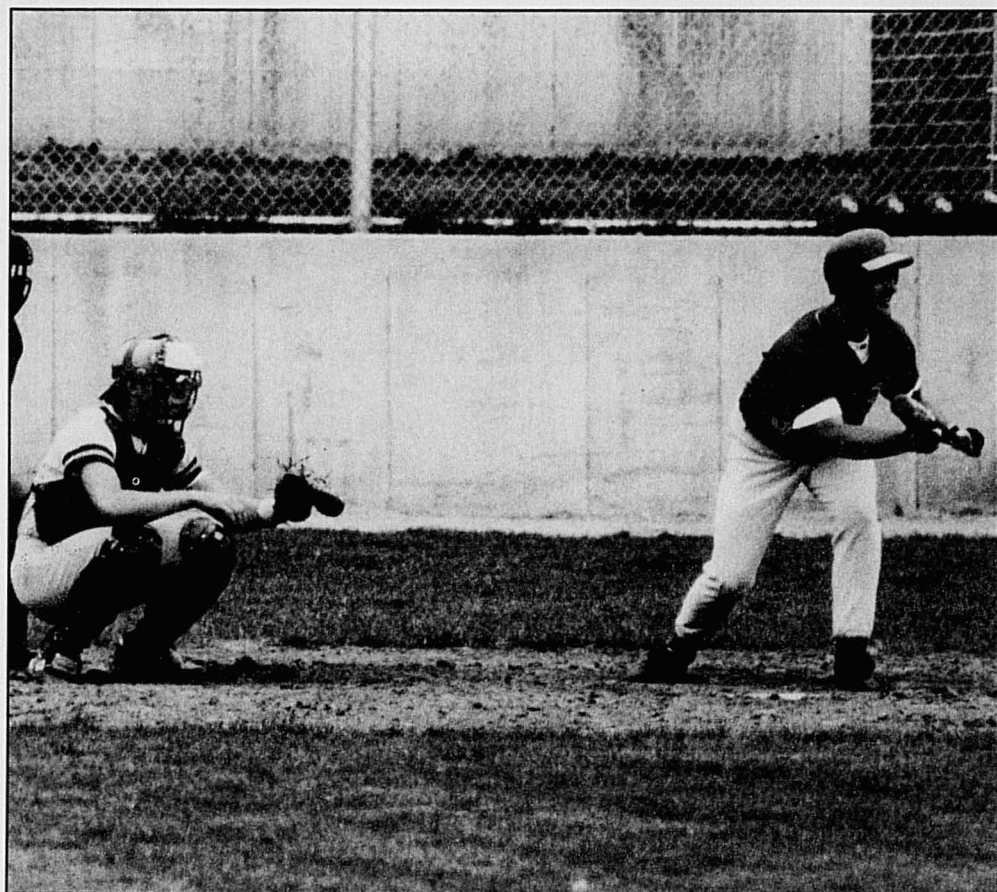
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Doug Bell attempts to advance the base runners.

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Softball, a dampening experience?

by Robin Alms

Will the rain keep our softball team from strutting their stuff? It seems so. Once the girls get on a roll the rain comes, and delays playing. They have been rained out of two scrimmages and four playing dates.

So far the Lady Eagles are 9-4. The team's batting average is .408. The ladies who are leading the team at this time are Jennifer Hale

batting a .636, Holly Shelby also batting .636, shelly Shubert with .421, and Kim Nordike with .375. They are averaging eight runs against their opponents, while only giving up two runs.

Avila has earned the top Player of the Week Award for the past two weeks; Jennifer Hale was Player of the Week with 14 hits and 12 at bat, driving in ten runs and scoring nine,

along with one stolen base for the week.

For the second week in a row Avila has taken Player of the Week honors, Kim Nordike hit .600 with nine doubles, one triple, two home runs and drew one walk. She also had four stolen bases. Nordike with an errorless fielding performance with fourteen put-outs and three assists.

Baseball team playing well

by Keith Harris

The baseball team is playing very well at this point. the record is 20-12-1 and the team spirit shows the success in the record.

"We are really excited at this time in the season and we have come together at the right time because we are preparing for the district play-offs," said pitcher Jim Huber.

The Eagles have gone 6-2 in the last eight games. The first doubleheader was against Ottawa and the Eagles split with them. Avila won the first game 8-7 behind Jerry Rhubart, but lost 11-10 in a close one. Todd Johnson picked up the loss. In the two games, centerfielder Gary Haarman went 6 for 8. He had 5 singles and a double.

Next, the Eagles played Harris-Stowe and took both games. Chris Boyles and Jim Huber picked up wins

and Scott Duffen got two saves. Jered Steen and Jay Arndt each hit home runs.

The Eagles then split games with College of the Ozarks. The first game was not what the team expected. Dave Leibnitz lost 7-0. After the team realized what they needed to accomplish, the second game was a reverse score. The Eagles and Shane Newbrough won 6-0. Gary Minnich gave a great defensive effort in the second game as shortstop.

Finally, the Eagles took two more in another meeting with Ottawa. Jerry Rhubart won 8-5, and Todd Johnson won 13-3.

At this point in the season, Gary Haarman is leading the team with a .412 batting average and has 25 stolen bases. Larry Squires is hitting at a .393 clip, and Newbrough is at .320.

Hallblade honored

by Jeff Bass

For senior Dennis Hallblade the end of this year's basketball season ended with some hard earned and well deserved awards. Hallblade was selected to the District 16 All-District team and later received Honorable Mention All-American honors.

When asked about receiving these awards Dennis said, "It was a great honor that I did not expect to receive. I owe a lot to my teammates for getting the ball to me and to Coach Turner for making me a key part of the offense and the team.

SPORTS EDITORIAL

by Chris Pickett

Men's football or women's soccer, which do you want? Better yet, what good would these sports do for the College? That's the question we should ask ourselves.

We've recently been approached with the thought of adding these two sports to the College's intercollegiate athletic program. I'm not sure what the College's intentions are, but they can't be good ones. I always hear that the athletic program is working on a limited budget, and then this pops up. Explain this to me; I don't understand.

The men's and women's basketball teams get gym shoes free, but neither of the teams have warm-up uniforms. The soccer team gets thirty dollars to buy spikes which doesn't buy quality athletic gear. The

men's baseball and women's softball teams don't get any money for their spikes, although they do receive sweatshirts and jackets, but those aren't major purchases.

What Avila should do is improve the sports that exist, improve the weight room (or whatever you call that at the top of Mabee Fieldhouse), and establish tutoring centers for the athletes. If Avila improves these things, the programs will attract better athletes, which leads to more wins, which leads to more revenue for the College. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure that out, or does it?

Maybe there is a reason for the focus on football and women's soccer instead of a focus on the sports that already exist. If there is, I'd like to know along with a lot of other people.

PLAYER PROFILE

by Chris Pickett

Everyone knows Bo, but not everyone knows Jeff. Jeff Klein, like Bo Jackson, is a two sports player. The 6'6" sophomore from Raymore, Missouri, is a member of the men's basketball and baseball teams. Klein, who goes by the nickname "Shine," has held these positions for the past two years. "The two sports are very time consuming. I missed a lot of class time," he said.

Jeff's basketball season wasn't like he thought it would be. During the fall workouts, he damaged his right knee, which ultimately led to a red-shirt season (he has to sit out, but he kept a year of eligibility). He was advised by doctors to take the season off, and maybe he would

be ready for the baseball team. "It was hard sitting out for the basketball season, watching the guys who I'd played with. Knowing that I wouldn't play with the seniors again was a let down, plus it (basketball) was something I'd done for twelve years," said Klein.

After rehabilitation, Klein's knee began to improve enough for him to participate as a hurler. "I was relieved that I could finally do something. I didn't like sitting around watching," Klein said with a smile.

Klein looks forward to enjoying three more years on the court, and two more on the field. His determination to bounce back from a serious injury shows how he is dedicated and ready to "Shine."

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Anne Dempsey lays a bunt down the third base line

Photo by B. Alexander

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3 Second Annual Avila Family Picnic I Free picnic lunch, bring chairs and blankets - all staff, students, and their families are invited. 12:00 - 4:00	4 Student Art Show Thornhill Gallery Mon - Thurs 1-7 pm, Fri 1-5 pm	5	6 Guest Lecturer: Free-Lance Feature Writer Deborah Bauer ORI 204 12:30 - 1:45	7 "Like Father, Like Son" Luncheon and lecture by Dr. Stephen Strridge 11:30 am Whitfield Centre \$7.00 donation	8	9
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